Monday 4 November

The money behind the money
- This panel discussion will feature the Venture Capital, Limited Partners and Mergers & Acquisitions leads shaping tomorrow’s investment trends.
- With the European Investment Fund’s Head of Business Angel Investments, Oscar Farres
- 14:00 – 14:20
- More information

Tuesday 5 November

Opening of the Growth Stage
- Come discover the EIB Group’s Growth Lounge in the Altice Arena (FIL 3)
- With EIB’s Head of Growth Capital and Innovation Finance, Hristo Stoykov
- 10:00 – 10:15
Workshop – Digital skills, your future

- Europe is facing a large digital skills gap. There are around 1 million vacancies for digital experts and this figure is set to increase in the future. All over Europe, 35% of workers do not have even basic digital skills. This is significantly impacting EU businesses. People need to be trained and re-trained for the digital transformation. In this workshop you will learn from companies who have tackled this challenge and who are committed to invest in people and Europe’s future.
- With Criteo Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs, Francois Lhémy and Professor of Life Sciences and Computer Science at EPFL, Marcel Salath
- 10.00 – 10.45
- More information

Workshop – European cohesion policy for Portuguese start-ups and small/medium enterprises

- This workshop is an introduction to the European Union’s regional policy and its funding opportunities for Portuguese technological start-ups and SMEs. Specifically, the upcoming financial support opportunities provided by the Operational Programme Compete 2020.
- 11.00 – 11.45

Workshop – What they don't teach you at business school

- With great disruption comes great opportunity, especially for the non-conventional thinker. A panel of experts share advice on how to adapt to fast-paced change in business and politics, with or without the official qualifications.
- 11:50 – 12:15

Workshop – Doing business in Europe: How can the EU help?

- What is 25 years old, European, free and single? The EU single market of 500 million customers! In this interactive workshop you will be able to get first-hand, practical information on how the EU helps start-ups thrive across Europe and beyond - from access to finance, and partnerships to legislation.
- 12.00 – 12.45

Workshop – The power of emotion on the (social) web: A journey of data scientists envisioning "mindfulness" for politics

- Emotion is an integral part of the decision-making process. Emotion influences perception, values, goals, needs, memory, and ultimately, behaviour. What are the citizen's concerns and what is important to them? The workshop will showcase a set of use cases that show the power of emotions on the social web and their effects in policy-making.
Workshop – How to use interoperable solutions to boost sales

- Interoperability is the backbone for the digital transformation. It connects public administrations, businesses and citizens, reducing procedures like setting up a new office in another country, e-invoicing and e-procurement procedures, among others, to just a few clicks. Join the workshop organised by the ISA2 Programme of the European Commission to learn how other start-ups, SMEs and scale-ups used our interoperable solutions to boost up their sales and position themselves in the international market.

Press announcement - new investments for Portuguese start-ups

- The EIB Group will be announcing new investments for Portuguese start-ups, to drive innovation, growth, employment and social cohesion across Europe.
- With Portuguese Minister of Economy, Pedro Siza Vieira; European Commissioner for Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas and Head of the European Investment Bank office Kim Kreilgaard

Workshop – EIC: Funding breakthrough innovation from the idea to the market

- This workshop will serve to present the novelties brought by the European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot in terms of support to innovators and start-ups in the field of ‘deep tech’. The session will aim at providing an overview of the most notable innovation funding tools under the EIC, namely, the EIC Pathfinder and the EIC Accelerator.

Wednesday 6 November

Workshop – Funding beyond equity: Growing bigger with venture debt

- As Europe’s major venture debt providers, the EIB, Kreos Capital, Harbert European Growth Capital Fund, Silicon Valley Bank and Bootstrap Europe have organised a workshop on “Funding beyond equity: Growing bigger with venture debt.”
- With EIB’s Head of Growth Capital and Innovation Finance, Hristo Stoykov
- 10:00 – 11:30
- More information
Corporate Innovation Summit – Reframing inclusive growth

- As we strive for economic prosperity, it's important to ensure no one gets left behind. This talk will bring together pivotal players in economic development to discuss the key to optimising social inclusion, productivity and innovation leading to stronger economic integration.
- With EIB Vice-President, Ambroise Fayolle; IDB Vice-President, Alexandre Meira da Rosa and KPMG Partner, Diogo Sousa
- 12:00 – 12:30
- More information

Press announcement – investing in cutting-edge electric powertrains

- EIB Vice-President Emma Navarro will be announcing a deal with a young Spanish technology company to develop cutting-edge electric powertrains for small urban vehicles, fast charging systems and electric racing technologies in Europe and developing countries.
- With EIB Vice-President, Emma Navarro
- 13:30 – 14:00

Women in tech

- EIB Vice-President Emma Navarro will deliver a speech on female entrepreneurship.
- 18:30 – 21:00

Thursday 7 November

Workshop – A digital innovation challenge for Europe’s start-ups and SMEs

- During this workshop organised by the European Commission, you will gain visibility at European level and work on your ideas together with experts from the European Commission. The winners can win up to €80,000. Interested? Get ready to think bigger, grow your business and contribute to a brighter future for Europe.
- 10.00 – 10.45

Venture Stage – EIB President Hoyer on his vision for the future of Europe

- EIB President Werner Hoyer will talk about his vision for the future of Europe and the EIB’s role as the centrepiece of the European Green Deal.
- 10:40 – 11:10

Workshop – Next-Generation Internet - technology deep-dive

- Next-Generation Internet (NGI) is a forward-looking initiative launched in 2018 by the European Commission to fund top-level internet innovators in shaping the human-centric
internet of the future. Developers will present the most powerful and promising technologies developed under the 1st year of the program, in the field of Privacy Enhancing Technologies, Search and Discovery, Decentralised Data Governance and Blockchain.

- With the European Commission DG CNECT’s Head of Next Generation Internet, Olivier Bringer
- 11.00 – 11.45
- More information

**Workshop – InvestEU for innovative companies in education and culture**

- InvestEU aims at triggering at least €650 billion in additional investment to boost jobs and growth. It offers a budget guarantee to investment in sustainable infrastructure; research, innovation, and digitalisation; SMEs; as well as social investment and skills. The workshop will present how the InvestEU programme works, with a particular focus on the support for education and culture.
- 12.00 – 12.45

**Workshop – GDPR 18 months in: What you need to know**

- Learn from the source on how to navigate the EU's data protection law, GDPR.
- 14.00 – 14.45

**Workshop – Can technology revitalise democracy?**

- Although digital technology and in particular social media is often seen as a driver of the current crisis of liberal democracy, it may also be part of the solution. Around the world, citizens have used digital technology to experiment with new forms of communication and mobilisation and parties and governments have used digital technology to involve citizens.
- 14:10 – 14:30

**Workshop – Breaking up big tech**

- The question of regulating big tech by breaking up its superpowers is on the political agenda worldwide. Come, listen and make up your own mind
- 14:20 – 14:40

**Workshop – Promoting democratic values online**

- Social media is often seen as a double-edged sword - it can help to promote democratic values, giving everyone a voice, or it can undermine our democratic structures, unleashing the worst within our societies.
Corporate Innovation Summit – Funding growth through innovation

- Innovation is the lifeblood of any successful economy. Yet too often companies struggle to adapt from a lack of funding. This panel brings together world leaders in understanding how to successfully fund high growth companies in order to promote a truly innovative economy.
- With EIB Vice-President, Emma Navarro, World bank Director, Alfonso Garcia Mora; Qatar Development Bank CEO, Abdulaziz Bin Nasser Al-Khalifa and IESE Business School Author and Full Professor of Finance, Nuno Fernandes
- 15:50 – 16:10
- More information

Workshop – In conversation with Margrethe Vestager

- Hear from the gatekeeper for the future of technology who has taken on Apple, Amazon and Google, and won, and is only getting started
- With Executive Vice President of the European Commission, Margrethe Vestager
- 16:35 – 17:00